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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6493

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN LE

SUBJECT: CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB)

REF: BEIRUT 437; STATE 010570

1. REGARDING BEIRUT 0437, JOSEPH SAAB'S LAWYER  
FORMER MINISTER ABOUHAMMED INFORMED EMBOFF HE PLANS  
TO BE IN STATES SHORTLY AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING  
HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH CDB REPRESENTATIVES ON  
MARCH 1. (HE MENTIONED PRESENT PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR  
KENNEDY). PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO PROVIDE FRESH APPROACH  
TO PROBLEM IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER PATH OF AMICABLE  
AGREEMENT AND ARBITRATION COULD BE PURSUED, AND THUS SETTLE  
OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN SHORT TIME, OR WHETHER RECOURSE TO THE  
COURTS WAS AFTER ALL NECESSARY, THUS DRAGGING OUT THE AFFAIR  
OR STILL AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF YEARS.

2. IN REPLY, EMBOFF REMINDED ABOUHAMMED OF EMBASSY'S  
ROLE IN THIS MATTER, BUT DID AGREE TO PASS THIS  
INFORMATION ON TO WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: IN SEEKING STATESIDE MEETING, ABOU-  
HAMMED OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS TO  
CDB REPRESENTATIVES AT A POLICY LEVEL AND WITHIN  
A CONTEXT NOT CONFINED SOLELY TO LEGAL TECHNICALITIES.  
WHILE IT IS, OF COURSE, CDB'S DECISION TO GRANT OR REFUSE

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ABOUHAMMED'S REQUEST, WE AGAIN SEE NO HARM AND PERHAPS SOME  
GOOD IN HEARING HIM OUT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM CDB ABOUT ABOUHAMMED'S REQUEST AND ADVISE EMBASSY BY COB FEBRUARY 29 IF POSSIBLE OF RESPONSE WHICH, IF POSITIVE, SHOULD INCLUDE TIME AND ADDRESS OF MEETING PLACE AND (AGAIN IF POSSIBLE) NAMES OF CDB REPRESENTATIVES.

5. AS IS OUR USUAL PRACTICE, WE ARE INFORMING LOCAL CDB REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ABOVE.  
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